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E.O. 120657 GDS 7/9/88 (WILCOX, P)
TAGS: PORG, ICRC
SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF JOHN J. SULLIVAN

REF: STATE 189503 (NOTAL)

1. JOHN J. SULLIVAN, A FREE LANCE AMERICAN JOURNALIST, DISAPPEARED IN SAN SALVADOR DECEMBER 28, 1980, ABOUT FOUR HOURS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL ABOARD TACA FLIGHT 311 FROM MIAMI. HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN WEARING MEDIUM GRAY CORDUROY CALVIN KLEIN JEANS, A BEIGE POPLIN ALL WEATHER JACKET AND BOOTS. HIS PASSPORT INDICATES HE WAS BORN 11/22/54, HEIGHT SIX FEET, BROWN HAIR AND BROWN EYES.
2. THE PRESS AND CONGRESS CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN HIS CASE. IT IS NOW LIKELY TO BECOME A PART OF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS REQUIRED BY CONGRESS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF AID TO EL SALVADOR.
3. TWO SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS STATED IN A JULY 7, 1982 NEWS CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY THAT MR. SULLIVAN HAS BEEN HELD FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS IN AN ARMY JAIL IN EL SALVADOR.
4. PLEASE ASK ICRC TO VERIFY THAT NO PRISONER ANSWERING SULLIVAN'S DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN SEEN BY THEIR DELEGATES IN THE COURSE OF THEIR PRISON VISITATIONS IN EL SALVADOR, AND REPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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